

HOUSE RESOLUTION 36
By Huskey

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Mary Ann Peine on being honored by USA Today in the All-USA College Academic Team program.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the elected members of this General Assembly should pay tribute to those exemplary young people who, through their peerless academic endeavors, have brought great honor upon themselves, their families and their communities; and

WHEREAS, Mary Ann Peine, was named honorable mention by USA Today, All-USA College Academic Team, one of two Tennessee students out 1,250 entries from across the country; and

WHEREAS, the ALL-USA program judged students on extracurricular activities as well as academics; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Sevier County High School, Mary Ann is a College Scholars student with a focus on environmental studies; and

WHEREAS, Mary Ann started SPEAK, Students Promoting Environmental Action, at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville campus; and

WHEREAS, she spent a year in Latin America studying sustainable development in Costa Rica, and says that she believes communities can balance economic development with environmental protection; and

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WHEREAS, Mary Ann will graduate in May from the University of Tennessee and plans to attend graduate school; and

WHEREAS, she is the daughter of John and Marie Peine. Mr. Peine was chief scientist for Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Mrs. Peine is a Children with Special Abilities teacher for Sevier County; and

WHEREAS, Mary Ann has important advice for younger students:

“Your education opens a lot of doors for you to be able to do whatever you want to do in the world. You need to find what it is you want to do, what it is you enjoy and try to find a teacher who will take you in the direction you want to take it. What you get out of your education is up to you.”

WHEREAS, the teacher that influenced Mary Ann the most is Dale Gilmore, English teacher at Sevier County High School; and

WHEREAS, Mary Ann is an example of how a supportive home, teamed with the public school system, can bring out the best in a student; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to honor and commend one of Tennessee's best and brightest young people; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby recognize Mary Ann Peine on being honored by USA Today as a Tennessee honorable mention in the All-USA College Academic Team program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.